

Weather

Showers possible Thursday, Saturday, Sunday. Highs mid 30s to low 50s. Partly cloudy Friday, lows in 30s and 40s.

# INDEPENDENT



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rsday and Saturday at Honesdale, Pennsylvania 18431

## Maple Tour will be held in Southern Wayne on Saturday

The Wayne County Maple Tour is scheduled for Saturday, March 13 in Southern Wayne County.

This tour will help the general public become better informed of the Wayne County maple industry and the people making maple syrup and maple products.

Stops will be made at the following maple operations: Quentin Mead, Madisonville; Ted Franc, Sterling; and Ralph Curtis, Sterling.

The Quentin Mead operation will feature a sugar bush collected almost entirely by plastic tubing. Quentin pumps the sap into larger tanks and moves it to a 4 x 12 foot wood-fired evaporator on the home farm.

The Ted Franc maple operation uses all plastic tubing. Sap is collected from about 25 acres of woods on a steep hillside. The sap goes into a 2,000 gallon stainless steel tank and then is boiled down in a 5 x 14 foot wood-fired evaporator.

The Ralph Curtis maple operation uses a combination of plastic tubing and pails to collect its sap. A 4,000 gallon stainless steel tank collects the extensive system of plastic tubing. Two wood-fired evaporators are used to boil-down the sap. One is a 4 x 12 ft. evaporator and the other is a 5 x 14 ft. evaporator.

All three producers will be on hand to explain the "workings" of their particular maple syrup operation. Maple syrup and maple products will be available for sale at each stop.

A lunch break will be made at the Sterling Community Grange, Sterling, at about 11:30 a.m. Cost of this pancake, sausage and maple syrup lunch will be \$4.00.

All persons who would like to learn more about the maple industry are encouraged and welcome to attend. The bus fee will be \$2 per person. The bus will leave the Wayne County Courthouse at 9 a.m. and return at about 4 p.m.

Reservations for this maple tour can be made by calling the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce Office at 253-1960. Additional information concerning the tour can be secured from the Wayne County Extension Office at 717-253-5970, ext. 114.